

Punjab, Khalistan, under India's tyrannical rule.

After seeing this video, I am more convinced than ever that we need to support the Sikhs of Khalistan and the other oppressed people of the South Asian subcontinent in their struggle to be free. The Indian regime has killed over 150,000 Sikhs since 1984, over 200,000 Christians in Nagaland since 1947, over 43,000 Moslems in Kashmir since 1988, and thousands of Assamese, Manipuris, Tamils, Dalits—black untouchables—and other people who are in the way of the Brahmin class. Maybe that is what the New York Times had in mind when it described India in its February 25 edition as "a rotten, corrupt, repressive, and anti-people system." No one should have to live in such a system. If America can help the peoples of the subcontinent escape from this brutal and bloody tyranny, it is our moral duty to do so. We must do whatever we can.

One thing we clearly can do is to cut off United States aid to India. A good first step in that direction is H.R. 1425, the Human Rights in India Act. Under this act, United States development aid to India would be cut off until human rights are observed. I urge my colleagues to vote for this bill and to join those of us who have become sponsors. America must not be supporting tyranny with aid or trade. We must be especially careful not to support tyrants with the tax dollars of the American people.

We must also pass House Concurrent Resolution 32, urging a plebiscite in Indian-occupied Khalistan under international supervision. This is a sense-of-the-Congress resolution. Frankly, India shows all the signs of a country in the process of unraveling. It is time that America got itself on the side of the emerging South Asian nations who will soon be free despite Indian's repression. Only then will the subcontinent live in prosperity and harmony.

HONORING THE LUDLOW BOYS SOCCER TEAM'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 1996

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to Coach Tony Goncalves and his Ludlow High School Lions boys soccer team for their outstanding 4 to 1 victory over Somerville High School to win the Massachusetts Boys Division I State Soccer Championship. The impressive performance by the Lions in the championship capped off a tremendous 17-2-3 campaign for Coach Goncalves and his team and earned them a spot in the top 25 of the Umbro Boys High School Soccer Poll. Over the years Ludlow High School has enjoyed a rich tradition of soccer excellence and this team will certainly be remembered as one of the best in Ludlow High School history.

I would also like to recognize Coach Goncalves' assistants, Jack Vilaca, Greg Kolodziej, and Jon Cavallo, as well as team managers Brian Gosciminski and Tony Sanches for their outstanding efforts throughout this championship season. It is the unsung efforts of people like these that often make

championships possible, and Ludlow was quite fortunate to be assisted by such able individuals.

Finally, I would like to recognize the players who delivered this spectacular victory: Seniors, Bob Nascimento, Eddie Pires, Rich Huff, John Summerlin, Aaron Majka, Carlos Gomes, Adriano Dos Santos, Wesley Manuel, Chris Goncalves, Mark Eusebio, Jeff Leandro, James Ziemba; Juniors: Rob Gomes, Matthew Goncalves, Adriano Genovevo, Danny Elias, Jason Alves, Ryan Lemek; Sophomores: Alex Carvalho, Dave Garcia, Jon Haluch, and Justin Laramie.

The achievements of these young men are a tremendous source of pride for not only the town of Ludlow but for the entire Second Congressional District. I am honored to represent such outstanding individuals and I join with the citizens of the Second Congressional District in offering most heartfelt congratulations. I would also like to wish the returning players the best of luck as they embark on their title defense next season.

ERISA CLARIFICATION ACT OF 1996

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 1996

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the ERISA Clarification Act of 1996.

For almost 20 years, the insurance industry has relied on a Department of Labor interpretive bulletin stating that assets contained in an insurance company general account were not plan assets under ERISA.

However, in 1993 the Supreme Court ruled in *John Hancock versus Harris Trust* that such pension assets were covered by ERISA. Because the court recognized that this interpretation could seriously disrupt pension management, it recommended that potential problems be addressed either administratively or legislatively.

Although the Department of Labor is currently working to develop new rules governing prospective insurance company activities, without legislative changes, insurance companies might go unprotected from retroactive liability further threatening the security of pension assets.

Because of the manner in which insurance companies have managed their pension assets over the past 20 years, this legislation will remove the threat of retroactive liability. In doing so, pension plan participants and beneficiaries will be protected without affecting any ongoing civil action.

Since the Department of Labor issued its interpretive bulletin in 1975, there is little evidence that plan participants have suffered as a result of this longstanding practice of the insurance industry. In fact, prior to the Harris Trust decision, the Department of Labor had not initiated any enforcement proceedings based on alleged mismanagement.

If we do not address this issue, we will seriously risk the safety and security of pension assets while unfairly exposing the insurance industry to retroactive liability costs based on actions which, at the time, were in accordance with the Department of Labor's rules and regulations.

Therefore, I would ask my colleagues to join me in this effort by becoming cosponsors of this necessary legislation.

HONORING THE 163-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREATY OF AMITY AND COMMERCE

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 1996

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 163d anniversary of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce between the United States and the kingdom of Thailand. This treaty was the first of its kind between the United States and an Asian nation.

The United States has had a close relationship with Thailand dating back before 1833 when this treaty was signed. Scores of teachers, Christian missionaries, and medical personnel were instrumental in the 19th century in building schools, churches, and leprosy clinics and hospitals throughout the kingdom, often working closely with the Chakri Dynasty of kings, including the current monarch, King Bhumibhol Adulyadej, who was born in Boston while his father attended Harvard Medical School. Americans helped bring Thailand its first X-ray machine and printing press.

While there have been successors to the 1833 Treaty of Amity and Commerce which have been accorded status as the ruling documents of diplomacy between our two nations, I would like to emphasize that this particular treaty was the foundation for 163 years of close personal and political friendships. The United States and Thailand have reaffirmed their commitment to conduct bilateral relations in a manner consistent with the spirit of this treaty.

Thailand's culture and Government go back thousands of years, and it is the only nation in Southeast Asia that was never colonized. For this reason, our long friendship holds a special significance in the region. I believe that as we approach the 21st century it is important to recognize our old, close friend throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that my colleagues are aware of the differences of opinion we have with Thailand over a number of trade-related issues. However, I hope that we remember that Thailand is a long-time friend to the United States and prompt us to work together to solve these problems in a manner befitting our long cordial friendship.

DR. ELIZABETH BOGGS: IN MEMORIAM

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 1996

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to revise and extend my remarks to mark the memory of Elizabeth Boggs who died on January 27, 1996. I am privileged to join many other Americans in paying tribute to Dr. Elizabeth Boggs.

We met when I first entered the New Jersey State Legislature in the early 1980's. She was